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SOUTH DAKOTA AREA WAGE SURVEY

With the permission of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, results are being printed for the June 1979 wage survey in this bulletin. It contains hourly earnings information of office and plant workers in South Dakota establishments employing 50 or more employees. Thirty-two manufacturing and sixty-one nonmanufacturing establishments employing 20,251 workers were selected for the study.

In office occupations the median hourly earning for 125 secretaries was $4.52; 43 stenographers $4.83; 81 typists $3.95, 48 file clerks $3.27; 24 switchboard operators $3.27; 115 key entry operators $4.00. The above workers were all women.

Sixty computer operators earned a median wage of $4.75; 83 drafters $5.40; 84 electronics technicians $6.87; 40 maintenance electricians $7.89; 76 maintenance mechanics (machinery) $6.82; 179 maintenance mechanics (motor vehicle) $7.65; 19 tool and die makers $5.85; 18 stationary engineers $7.81; 12 boiler tenders $6.82.

Four hundred eleven truck drivers made a median wage of $8.35; 22 heavy equipment operators $6.00; 245 shipping packers $3.60; 368 material handling laborers $7.53; 70 forklift operators $5.10, 43 guards $4.05; 357 janitors, porters, and cleaners $3.60.

LABOR FORCE

The unemployment situation in South Dakota was not significantly changed in October. The unemployment rate was 3.1% on a seasonally adjusted basis. That compared with 3.0% one month and one year ago, the lowest rate recorded in the past twelve months. The highest was 3.9% in April. The South Dakota rate is currently running about half the national average of 6.0%. The total number of South Dakotans unemployed in October was 10,500 compared with 10,100 in September and 10,000 in October 1978.

Total employment in South Dakota advanced to 327,000 in October on a seasonally adjusted basis. That was up 1.7% from the September figure of 321,500, and it was up 2.3% from the October 1978 figure of 319,800.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Actual nonfarm payroll employment in South Dakota in October was 236,600. That compared with 238,200 in September and 236,200 in October 1978. Manufacturing employment was 26,300 in October, or 6.5% ahead of the year-ago figure of 24,700. Nonmanufacturing employment dipped to 210,300 in September.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average production or nonsupervisory worker in South Dakota worked 35.4 hours a week in October at $5.21 an hour for a gross weekly wage of $184.43. That was up 10.4% from $167.12 one year ago. Inflation, however, is currently running about 12%.

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SIOUX FALLS AREA

The Sioux Falls SMSA seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped to 2.5% in October from 2.5% in September. It was up, however, from the year-ago rate of 1.8%. The total number of Sioux Falls area residents unemployed in October was 1,350 compared with 1,500 in September and 1,090 in October last year.

Total employment in October on a seasonally adjusted basis was 58,420. That was up slightly from the month ago and year ago figures of 58,000 and 57,820 respectively.

Actual nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Sioux Falls was unchanged at 53,030 in October. It was slightly off the year ago figure of 53,500. Among the individual industries, manufacturing employment showed a healthy gain of 11.0% over the year. The nonmanufacturing industries were down from one year ago.

The average production or nonsupervisory worker in Sioux Falls worked 37.3 hours a week in October at $6.07 an hour for a gross weekly wage of $226.41.

RAPID CITY AREA

The Rapid City SMSA (Pennington and Meade counties) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 3.4% in October from 3.3% in September and 3.2% one year ago. The total number of Rapid City SMSA residents unemployed in October was 1,450 compared with 1,360 in September and 1,360 in October 1978. The total employment figure of 40,600 was up from the September figure of 40,300 but 1.5% below the year-ago fiture of 41,210.

Actual nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Pennington county was 28,650 in October. That compared with 29,290 in September and 29,160 in October.

The average production or nonsupervisory worker in Pennington county worked 36.5 hours a week in October at $5.42 an hour for a gross weekly wage of $197.83.

The Job Service Activity data that are usually published in this bulletin have been omitted this month because the reports were not received in time.

TABLE 1

LABOR FORCE*

	OCT 1979	SEPT 1979	OCT 1978	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE					
Labor Force	334,600	339,000	327,300	-1.3	2.2
Seasonally Adjusted	337,500	331,600	329,800	1.8	2.3
Employment	326,300	330,800	319,400	-1.4	2.2
Seasonally Adjusted	327,000	321,500	319,800	1.7	2.3
Unemployment	8,300	8,200	7,900	1.2	5.1
Seasonally Adjusted	10,500	10,100	10,000	4.0	5.0
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.4	2.4	-	-
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.0	3.0	-	-
SIOUX FALLS SMSA (MINNEHAHA COUNTY)					
Labor Force	59,700	59,680	58,890	0.0	1.4
Seasonally Adjusted	59,770	59,500	58,910	0.5	1.5
Employment	58,600	58,460	58,010	0.2	1.0
Seasonally Adjusted	58,420	58,000	57,820	0.7	1.0
Unemployment	1,100	1,220	880	-9.8	25.0
Seasonally Adjusted	1,350	1,500	1,090	-10.0	23.9
Unemployment Rate	1.8	2.0	1.5	-	-
Seasonally Adjusted	2.3	2.5	1.8	-	-
RAPID CITY SMSA (PENNINGTON AND MEADE)					
Labor Force	41,870	42,540	42,380	-1.6	-1.2
Seasonally Adjusted	42,050	41,660	42,570	0.9	-1.2
Employment	40,600	41,390	41,200	-1.9	-1.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40,600	40,300	41,210	0.7	-1.5
Unemployment	1,270	1,150	1,180	10.4	7.6
Seasonally Adjusted	1,450	1,360	1,360	6.6	6.6
Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.7	2.8	-	-
Seasonally Adjusted	3.4	3.3	3.2	-	-

* Labor Force estimates relate to unduplicated employed and unemployed civilians 16 years old and older by place of residence.

TABLE 2

SOUTH DAKOTA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT*
(in thousands)

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Total Nonagricultural	236.6	238.2	236.2	-0.7	0.2
Manufacturing	26.3	26.2	24.7	0.4	6.5
Durable Goods	12.5	13.0	11.8	-3.8	5.9
Lumber & Furniture	1.7	1.8	2.0	-5.6	-15.0
Fabricated Metals & Machinery	8.3	8.7	7.2	-4.6	15.3
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	3.8
Nondurable Goods	13.8	13.2	12.9	4.5	7.0
Food & Kindred Products	8.7	8.2	7.8	6.1	11.5
Paper, Printing & Publishing	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.7	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	210.3	212.0	211.5	-0.8	-0.6
Mining	2.9	2.9	2.6	0.0	11.5
Construction	14.4	14.6	14.3	-1.4	0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	13.5	13.5	13.5	0.0	0.0
Railroads	1.5	1.4	1.4	7.1	7.1
Other Transportation	6.4	6.4	6.5	0.0	-1.5
Communications & Public Utilities	5.6	5.7	5.6	-1.8	0.0
Trade	61.2	62.3	63.8	-1.8	-4.1
Wholesale Trade	17.1	16.9	17.4	1.2	-1.7
Durable Goods	7.7	7.6	7.7	1.3	0.0
Nondurable Goods	9.4	9.3	9.7	1.1	-3.1
Retail Trade	44.1	45.4	46.4	-2.9	5.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	12.1	11.8	11.1	2.5	9.0
Services	49.5	50.6	48.9	-2.2	1.2
Hotels, Amuse., Pers. & Business	13.4	13.9	12.8	-3.6	4.7
Medical and Health	18.4	18.3	18.1	0.5	1.7
Educational, Membership & Social	14.8	15.5	15.2	-4.5	-2.6
Other	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	3.6
Government	56.7	56.3	57.3	0.7	-1.0
Federal	10.5	10.7	11.0	-1.9	-4.5
State	14.8	14.8	14.3	0.0	3.5
State Education	6.8	6.8	6.3	0.0	7.9
Other	8.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0
Local	31.4	30.8	32.0	1.9	-1.9
Local Education	18.4	17.2	19.1	7.0	-3.7
Other Local	13.0	13.6	12.9	-4.4	0.8

* This category includes the number of full and part-time workers on the payrolls of nonagricultural establishments for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

TABLE 3

SIOUX FALLS AND RAPID CITY NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
SIOUX FALLS SMSA (MINNEHAHA COUNTY)					
Total Nonagricultural	53,030	53,030	53,500	0.0	-0.9
Manufacturing	7,890	7,700	7,110	2.5	11.0
Durable Goods	2,010	2,060	1,900	-2.4	5.8
Nondurable Goods	5,880	5,640	5,210	4.3	12.9
Food & Kindred Products	4,570	4,350	3,950	5.1	15.7
Nonmanufacturing	45,140	45,330	46,390	-0.4	-2.7
Construction and Mining	3,700	3,830	3,950	-3.4	-6.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	4,950	4,790	4,980	3.3	-0.6
Trade	15,180	14,910	15,220	1.8	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	4,680	4,680	4,730	0.0	-1.1
Retail Trade	10,500	10,230	10,490	2.6	0.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3,060	3,030	3,230	1.0	-5.3
Services	11,790	12,030	12,180	-2.0	-3.2
Government	6,460	6,740	6,830	-4.2	-5.4
RAPID CITY AREA (PENNINGTON COUNTY)					
Total Nonagricultural	28,650	29,290	29,160	-2.2	-1.7
Manufacturing	2,510	2,560	2,690	-2.0	-6.7
Durable Goods	1,650	1,710	1,820	-3.5	-9.3
Nondurable Goods	860	850	870	1.2	-1.1
Nonmanufacturing	26,140	26,730	26,470	-2.2	-1.2
Construction and Mining	2,900	2,860	3,210	1.4	-9.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	1,890	1,870	1,870	1.1	1.1
Trade	8,400	9,120	8,290	-7.9	1.3
Wholesale Trade	1,560	1,670	1,680	-6.6	-7.1
Retail Trade	6,840	7,450	6,610	8.2	3.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,430	1,460	1,390	-2.1	2.9
Services	5,610	5,630	6,180	-0.4	-9.2
Government	5,910	5,790	5,530	2.1	6.9

TABLE 4

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NONSUPERVISORY WORKERS*

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT-79	SEP-79	OCT-78	OCT-79	SEP-79	OCT-78	OCT-79	SEP-79	OCT-78
SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE									
TOTAL PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL	$184.43	$182.66	$167.12	35.4	34.4	34.6	$5.21	$5.31	$4.83
MANUFACTURING	250.49	254.23	226.31	44.1	42.6	42.3	5.68	5.94	5.35
DURABLE GOODS	220.06	213.92	204.38	41.6	41.7	43.3	5.29	5.13	4.72
LUMBER & FURNITURE	211.85	207.03	186.92	40.2	40.2	38.7	5.27	5.15	4.83
FABRICATED METALS AND MACH	211.58	208.28	200.34	40.3	41.0	42.9	5.25	5.08	4.67
NONDURABLE GOODS	277.94	293.69	247.34	45.4	43.9	41.5	5.99	6.69	5.96
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	323.89	349.27	294.12	49.6	46.2	43.0	6.53	7.56	6.84
MEAT PRODUCTS	390.46	436.00	396.36	55.7	50.0	50.3	7.01	8.72	7.88
OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS	205.88	214.93	147.68	38.7	40.4	32.6	5.32	5.32	4.53
PAPER, PRINTING & PUBLISHING	217.34	202.91	181.50	40.7	37.3	37.5	5.34	5.44	4.84
NONMANUFACTURING	174.59	171.79	158.79	34.1	33.1	33.5	5.12	5.19	4.74
MINING	349.03	345.68	305.70	41.8	41.3	42.4	8.35	8.37	7.21
CONSTRUCTION	328.21	316.59	319.92	43.3	42.1	45.9	7.58	7.52	6.97
TRANSPORTATION & P.U.	293.71	298.62	259.85	40.4	40.3	38.9	7.27	7.41	6.68
COMMUNICATIONS & P.U.	304.15	302.99	280.37	39.5	39.4	39.6	7.70	7.69	7.08
TRADE	149.63	147.38	138.67	33.7	33.9	32.1	4.44	4.62	4.32
WHOLESALE TRADE	211.14	217.54	208.12	38.6	38.5	38.9	5.47	5.68	5.35
RETAIL TRADE	127.60	123.55	114.05	31.9	29.7	29.7	4.00	4.16	3.84
AUTO DEALERS & SERV. STATION	223.27	221.65	198.01	49.2	48.5	44.9	4.54	4.57	4.41
OTHER RETAIL	110.98	107.87	101.01	28.9	26.7	27.3	3.84	4.04	3.70
FINANCE, INS. & R.E.	159.51	169.45	137.92	35.8	38.6	36.2	4.45	4.39	3.81
BANKING	138.31	150.90	132.02	33.9	36.1	35.3	4.08	4.18	3.74
SERVICES	123.73	119.65	113.24	29.6	28.9	29.8	4.18	4.14	3.80
SIOUX FALLS SMSA									
TOTAL PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL	226.41	228.04	200.12	37.3	37.2	37.0	6.07	6.13	5.41
MANUFACTURING	342.41	362.32	297.18	45.9	47.3	46.8	7.46	7.58	6.35
DURABLE GOODS	227.26	220.18	220.25	42.4	42.1	43.7	5.36	5.23	5.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	368.93	397.54	319.11	46.7	49.2	47.7	7.90	8.08	6.69
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	407.26	439.21	360.35	47.8	50.6	49.5	8.52	8.68	7.29
NONMANUFACTURING	205.28	203.10	186.19	35.7	35.2	35.6	5.75	5.77	5.23
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	366.93	329.28	322.97	42.5	39.2	41.3	8.61	8.40	7.82
TRANSPORTATION & P.U.	293.82	305.38	257.48	43.2	44.0	41.0	6.77	6.94	6.28
TRADE	176.76	175.89	169.33	33.8	33.0	33.8	5.20	5.33	5.01
WHOLESALE TRADE	239.53	219.82	253.27	37.9	38.7	39.1	6.32	5.68	6.48
RETAIL TRADE	149.27	147.72	135.68	32.1	31.1	31.7	4.65	4.75	4.28
FINANCE, INS. & R.E.	159.97	171.07	146.30	34.7	35.2	35.0	4.61	4.86	4.18
RAPID CITY AREA									
TOTAL PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL	197.83	188.68	174.59	36.5	35.6	34.1	5.42	5.30	5.12
MANUFACTURING	195.16	201.44	175.76	36.1	36.1	33.8	5.56	5.58	5.20
NONMANUFACTURING	197.46	188.32	174.59	36.5	35.6	34.1	5.41	5.29	5.12
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	337.89	333.64	331.87	44.2	43.9	43.1	7.64	7.60	7.70
TRADE	148.99	148.07	138.65	35.6	33.5	32.7	4.57	4.42	4.24
FINANCE, INS. & R.E.	156.11	151.79	135.37	32.4	35.8	34.8	4.88	4.24	3.89

* Average hours and earnings data are derived from reports of payrolls and hours for production and related workers in manufacturing and mining, construction workers in construction, and nonsupervisory employees in the remaining private nonagricultural components.

TABLE 5

LABOR TURNOVER RATES
(per 100 employees)

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAYOFFS		
	OCT. 1979	SEPT 1979	OCT. 1978	OCT. 1979	SEPT 1979	OCT. 1978	OCT. 1979	SEPT 1979	OCT. 1978	OCT. 1979	SEPT 1979	OCT. 1978	OCT. 1979	SEPT 1979	OCT. 1978
STATEWIDE															
Manufacturing.....	5.0	6.2	5.2	4.5	5.8	4.8	4.2	5.0	4.3	3.2	3.8	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
Durable Goods.....	5.7	7.3	5.8	5.3	6.6	5.5	5.5	6.[illegible]	6.3	4.0	4.7	5.1	0.3	0.4	*
Nondurable Goods..	4.3	5.1	4.6	3.7	4.9	4.2	3.1	3.8	2.4	2.4	2.9	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mining.....	4.3	3.7	5.0	4.1	3.6	4.7	3.6	3.6	5.8	2.2	2.4	2.9	1.1	0.7	1.9
SIOUX FALLS SMSA															
Manufacturing.....	4.7	6.4	4.2	4.0	5.3	4.0	3.6	5.0	3.6	2.7	4.0	2.6	0.1	0.2	0.1

* LESS THAN 0.05%.

TABLE 6

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

1967=100	CURRENT MONTH SEPT-79	LAST MONTH AUG-79	ONE YEAR AGO SEPT-78	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
All Items.....	223.4	221.1	199.3	1.0	12.1
Food and Beverages..	231.0	230.2	210.3	0.3	9.8
Housing.....	[illegible]	231.5	207.5	1.3	13.1
Apparel.....	169.8	166.3	161.9	2.1	4.9
Transportation.....	221.4	210.6	188.7	5.1	17.3
Medical Care.....	243.7	241.8	222.6	0.9	9.5
Entertainment.....	191.1	190.2	178.3	0.5	7.2

TABLE 7

VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

TABLE 8

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED - STATEWIDE

	NUMBER			PERCENT		
	OCT-79	SEP-79	OCT-78	OCT-79	SEP-79	OCT-78
Sex, Total	1,247	2,113	2,274	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	543	862	860	43.5	40.8	37.8
Female	704	1,251	1,414	56.5	59.2	62.2
Race, Total	1,247	2,113	2,274	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	916	1,786	1,869	73.5	84.5	82.2
Nonwhite	331	327	405	26.5	15.5	17.8
Age, Total	1,247	2,113	2,274	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 45	907	1,502	1,453	72.7	71.1	63.9
Over 45	340	611	821	27.3	28.9	36.1
Industry, Total	1,247	2,113	2,274	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mining	9	34	13	0.7	1.6	0.6
Construction	145	203	244	11.7	9.6	10.7
Manufacturing	206	306	400	16.5	14.5	17.6
Transportation & P.U.	96	112	97	7.7	5.3	4.3
Trade	256	501	513	20.5	23.7	22.5
Finance, Ins. & R.E.	35	66	51	2.8	3.1	2.2
Services	325	602	718	26.1	28.5	31.6
Government	174	289	238	14.0	13.7	10.5
Occupation, Total	1,247	2,113	2,274	100.0	100.0	100.0
Prof. & Managerial	269	433	399	21.6	20.5	17.6
Clerical & Sales	330	567	523	26.5	26.8	23.0
Services	190	421	617	15.2	19.9	27.1
Processing	51	110	49	4.1	5.2	2.2
Machine Trade	51	77	42	4.1	3.7	1.8
Benchwork	62	65	184	5.0	3.1	8.1
Structural Work	191	287	292	15.3	13.6	12.8
Other	103	153	168	8.2	7.2	7.4
Duration of Current Spell of Unemployment-Total	1,247	2,113	2,274	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-2 Weeks	261	385	369	20.9	15.3	16.2
3-4 Weeks	231	202	252	18.5	9.6	11.1
5-14 Weeks	412	881	951	33.1	41.7	41.8
15 Weeks & Over	343	707	702	27.5	33.4	30.9

TABLE 9

SELECTED LABOR DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES - STATEWIDE

	OCT. 1979	SEPT 1979	OCT. 1978	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
JOB SERVICE					
New Job Applicants	NA	3,638	4,026		
New Job Applicants Oct. 1 to Date	NA	50,771	4,026		
Nonagricultural Job Openings	NA	5,077	6,375		
Job Placements Oct. 1 to Date	NA	65,301	6,452		
Nonagricultural	NA	62,796	6,203		
Agricultural	NA	2,505	249		
Applicants Available Oct. 1 to Date	NA	85,775	29,421		
Individuals Placed Oct. 1 to Date	NA	35,485	5,018		
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE					
STATE PROGRAM					
Initial Claims Monthly Total	1,229	960	1,757	+28.0	-30.1
Weeks Claimed Monthly Total	5,152	6,261	10,010	-17.7	-48.5
Initial Claims Oct. 1 to Date	1,229	28,879	1,757	-95.7	-30.1
Weeks Claimed Oct. 1 to Date	5,152	203,689	10,010	-97.5	-48.5
Amount of Benefit Payments	$340,627	$458,642	$425,387	-25.7	-19.9
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	$91.30	$80.95	$59.22	+12.8	+31.9
Benefit Payments Oct. 1 to Date	$340,627	$[illegible],502,942	$425,387	-97.3	-19.9
Unemployment Trust Fund (in 000's)	$15,753.5	$14,518.9	$13,584.7	+ 8.5	+16.0
FEDERAL PROGRAM					
Initial Claims Oct. 1 to Date	126	1,624	147	-92.2	-14.3
Weeks Claimed Oct. 1 to Date	148	9,390	459	-98.4	-67.8
Benefit Payments Oct. 1 to Date	$33,260	$851,437	$36,632	-96.1	- 9.2

SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

By

PLANNING AREA

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

	LABOR FORCE			TOTAL UNEMPLOYED			RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT		
	OCT. 1979	SEPT. 1979	OCT. 1978	OCT. 1979	SEPT. 1979	OCT. 1978	OCT. 1979	SEPT. 1979	OCT. 1978
STATEWIDE	334,566	338,972	327,303	8,272	8,187	7,865	2.5	2.4	2.4
SIOUX FALLS SMSA	59,705	59,681	58,895	1,104	1,223	882	1.8	2.0	1.5
RAPID CITY SMSA	41,865	42,538	42,383	1,269	1,152	1,183	3.0	2.7	2.8
PLANNING AREA 1	49,029	49,607	47,246	1,171	1,096	1,065	2.4	2.2	2.3
Brookings	13,417	13,840	12,504	447	379	282	3.3	2.7	2.3
Clark	2,091	2,169	2,042	33	21	68	1.6	1.0	3.3
Codington	9,912	9,796	9,763	253	217	296	2.6	2.2	3.0
Deuel	2,210	2,360	2,215	30	34	46	1.4	1.4	2.1
Grant	4,149	4,202	4,187	93	85	73	2.2	2.0	1.7
Hamlin	2,165	2,259	2,203	28	44	52	1.3	1.9	2.4
Kingsbury	3,625	3,616	3,222	56	30	28	1.5	0.8	0.9
Lake	5,639	5,481	5,617	148	169	143	2.6	3.1	2.5
Miner	1,929	1,965	1,912	16	53	46	0.8	2.7	2.4
Moody	3,892	3,919	3,581	67	64	31	1.7	1.6	0.9
PLANNING AREA 2	85,872	86,821	83,818	1,734	1,836	1,425	2.0	2.1	1.7
Clay	6,101	6,338	5,603	255	214	172	4.2	3.4	3.1
Lincoln	6,803	6,895	6,258	123	124	94	1.8	1.8	1.5
McCook	3,225	3,232	3,170	67	38	47	2.1	1.2	1.5
Minnehaha	59,705	59,681	58,895	1,104	1,223	882	1.8	2.0	1.5
Turner	3,940	4,152	4,034	34	57	53	0.9	1.4	1.3
Union	6,098	6,523	5,858	151	180	177	2.5	2.8	3.0
PLANNING AREA 3	45,456	45,828	44,006	1,083	916	837	2.4	2.0	1.9
Aurora	1,644	1,651	1,659	16	45	19	1.0	2.7	1.1
Bon Homme	3,793	3,932	3,609	61	89	52	1.6	2.3	1.4
Brule	2,921	2,982	2,874	67	60	68	2.3	2.0	2.4
Charles Mix	3,992	4,016	4,014	92	87	88	2.3	2.2	2.2
Davison	10,240	10,353	9,702	259	249	179	2.5	2.4	1.8
Douglas	1,897	1,941	1,914	19	19	37	1.0	1.0	1.9
Gregory	2,554	2,632	2,625	44	54	38	1.7	2.1	1.4
Hanson	1,155	1,199	1,172	12	19	20	1.0	1.6	1.7
Hutchinson	4,592	4,457	4,289	197	62	49	4.3	1.4	1.1
Jerauld	1,336	1,316	1,311	14	14	12	1.0	1.1	0.9
Sanborn	1,527	1,532	1,374	18	30	32	1.2	2.0	2.3
Yankton	9,805	9,817	9,463	284	188	243	2.9	1.9	2.6

These estimates have been adjusted to the CPS (Current Population Survey).
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	LABOR FORCE			TOTAL UNEMPLOYED			RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT		
	OCT. 1979	SEPT. 1979	OCT. 1978	OCT. 1979	SEPT. 1979	OCT. 1978	OCT. 1979	SEPT. 1979	OCT. 1978
PLANNING AREA 4	53,610	53,864	51,230	1,321	1,236	1,479	2.5	2.3	2.9
Beadle	10,902	10,764	9,964	447	286	385	4.1	2.7	3.9
Brown	20,993	20,923	19,521	516	518	614	2.5	2.5	3.1
Day	3,332	3,445	3,273	42	58	76	1.3	1.7	2.3
Edmunds	2,115	2,169	2,132	31	31	22	1.5	1.4	1.0
Faulk	1,421	1,482	1,432	15	28	16	1.1	1.9	1.1
Hand	2,375	2,395	2,295	26	34	25	1.1	1.4	1.1
McPherson	1,803	1,873	1,836	17	22	56	0.9	1.2	3.1
Marshall	2,109	2,236	2,119	30	53	50	1.4	2.4	2.4
Roberts	4,493	4,471	4,780	141	153	188	3.1	3.4	3.9
Spink	4,067	4,106	3,878	56	53	47	1.4	1.3	1.2
PLANNING AREA 5	33,868	35,021	34,253	866	1,014	1,063	2.6	2.9	3.1
Buffalo	468	464	550	55	44	109	11.8	9.5	19.8
Campbell	827	874	896	13	13	29	1.6	1.5	3.2
Corson	1,739	1,775	1,761	110	118	117	6.3	6.6	6.6
Dewey	2,113	2,472	1,782	76	116	109	3.6	4.7	6.1
Haakon	1,301	1,311	1,449	13	13	16	1.0	1.0	1.1
Hughes	7,354	7,621	7,451	145	174	160	2.0	2.3	2.1
Hyde	1,077	1,154	918	15	20	22	1.4	1.7	2.4
Jones	648	701	686	9	12	13	1.4	1.7	1.9
Lyman	1,496	1,602	1,544	44	86	45	2.9	5.4	2.9
Mellette	737	769	817	32	31	27	4.3	4.0	3.3
Perkins	2,302	2,368	2,287	48	28	24	2.1	1.2	1.0
Potter	2,086	2,128	2,022	25	32	27	1.2	1.5	1.3
Stanley	1,122	1,113	1,300	19	24	58	1.7	2.2	4.5
Sully	751	766	815	14	17	26	1.9	2.2	3.2
Todd	2,037	1,980	2,165	84	103	84	4.1	5.2	3.9
Tripp	3,559	3,625	3,465	35	48	86	1.0	1.3	2.5
Walworth	3,259	3,289	3,385	94	84	87	2.9	2.6	2.6
Ziebach	992	1,009	960	35	51	24	3.5	5.1	2.5
PLANNING AREA 6	66,731	67,831	66,750	2,097	2,089	1,996	3.1	3.1	3.0
Bennett	1,357	1,363	1,268	43	40	41	3.2	2.9	3.2
Butte	4,211	4,254	3,952	42	55	60	1.0	1.3	1.5
Custer	2,168	2,352	2,182	59	70	38	2.7	3.0	1.7
Fall River	3,640	3,608	3,596	47	45	111	1.3	1.2	3.1
Harding	715	704	662	6	6	5	0.8	0.9	0.8
Jackson	1,183	1,222	990	37	34	68	3.1	2.8	6.9
Lawrence	8,977	9,117	8,822	342	339	229	3.8	3.7	2.6
Meade	8,958	9,118	9,178	176	165	165	2.0	1.8	1.8
Pennington	32,907	33,420	33,205	1,093	987	1,018	3.3	3.0	3.1
Shannon	2,615	2,673	2,895	252	348	261	9.6	13.0	9.0

AREA WAGE SURVEY
SOUTH DAKOTA
JUNE 1979

U.S. Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Statistics

This report presents results of a June 1979 survey of wages in the State of South Dakota.

The study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 93 establishments employing 20,251 workers was selected to represent 302 establishments employing approximately 42,300 workers in the area. Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments in scope of the survey.

Table 1 provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries.

Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of interestablishment variation in duties within the same job. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request.

This is one of approximately 105 areas surveyed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive occupational wage and related benefits studies in 72 other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact the BLS regional office identified on page 3.

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Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of office and plant workers in South Dakota, June 1979

Occupation	Number of workers			Hourly earnings (all workers)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings of—																	
	All	Men	Women	Mean	Median	Middle range	$2.90 and under $3.00	$3.00 - $3.40	$3.40 - $3.80	$3.80 - $4.20	$4.20 - $4.60	$4.60 - $5.00	$5.00 - $5.40	$5.40 - $5.80	$5.80 - $6.20	$6.20 - $6.60	$6.60 - $7.00	$7.00 - $7.40	$7.40 - $7.80	$7.80 - $8.20	$8.20 - $8.60	$8.60 - $9.00	$9.00 - $9.40	$9.40 - $9.80	$9.80 - $10.20	$10.20 and over
SECRETARIES	125	-	125	$4.66	$4.52	$4.00 - $5.20	-	4	20	16	31	14	26	5	2	1	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SECRETARIES, CLASS A	9	-	9	5.38	5.34	- -	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SECRETARIES, CLASS B	35	-	35	4.93	4.90	4.15 - 5.29	-	-	1	8	6	6	10	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SECRETARIES, CLASS C	33	-	33	4.67	4.55	4.21 - 5.00	-	-	5	2	13	3	7	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SECRETARIES, CLASS D	35	-	35	4.50	4.52	4.00 - 5.00	-	2	5	4	12	3	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SECRETARIES, CLASS E	13	-	13	3.86	3.75	- -	-	2	7	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STENOGRAPHERS	43	-	43	5.09	4.83	3.63 - 6.29	-	2	11	-	3	9	1	-	-	10	2	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
STENOGRAPHERS, SENIOR	20	-	20	6.00	6.29	4.95 - 6.29	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	10	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STENOGRAPHERS, GENERAL	23	-	23	4.31	3.63	3.50 - 4.80	-	2	11	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TYPISTS[2]	81	-	81	4.31	3.95	3.40 - 5.20	2	19	11	18	3	5	4	3	12	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TYPISTS, CLASS A	11	-	11	4.79	5.20	- -	-	-	3	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TYPISTS, CLASS B	68	-	68	4.23	3.95	3.19 - 4.91	2	19	8	18	-	4	-	3	10	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FILE CLERKS[2]	48	-	48	3.65	3.27	3.19 - 4.18	4	27	-	5	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FILE CLERKS, CLASS B	29	-	29	3.56	3.27	3.21 - 3.37	-	22	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS	24	-	24	3.90	3.27	3.27 - 3.89	-	16	2	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEY ENTRY OPERATORS	115	-	115	4.63	4.00	3.50 - 6.01	8	11	27	12	8	17	-	-	5	4	20	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEY ENTRY OPERATORS, CLASS A	39	-	39	6.20	6.93	4.70 - 6.93	-	-	-	1	1	9	-	-	1	4	20	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEY ENTRY OPERATORS, CLASS B	76	-	76	3.83	3.57	3.43 - 4.11	8	11	27	11	7	8	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMPUTER OPERATORS[2]	60	26	34	5.10	4.75	4.03 - 6.31	-	-	7	14	7	7	7	-	2	5	4	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMPUTER OPERATORS, CLASS B	27	14	13	5.55	5.30	4.13 - 7.13	-	-	1	7	2	1	6	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMPUTER OPERATORS, CLASS C	28	7	21	4.45	4.28	4.03 - 4.75	-	-	6	7	5	6	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAFTERS[2]	83	67	16	5.41	5.40	4.45 - 6.08	-	-	1	9	17	3	11	12	16	2	4	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAFTERS, CLASS B	38	38	-	5.82	5.59	5.10 - 6.15	-	-	1	-	3	3	8	7	7	1	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAFTERS, CLASS C	33	25	8	4.73	4.32	4.10 - 5.30	-	-	-	9	14	-	3	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS[2]	84	82	2	7.09	6.87	6.16 - 7.84	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	6	6	6	23	5	7	3	4	9	-	5	-	1
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS, CLASS A	30	30	-	8.01	7.95	7.71 - 8.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	6	3	4	5	-	5	-	-
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS, CLASS B	30	29	1	7.18	6.87	6.70 - 7.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	16	3	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS, CLASS C	18	17	1	5.94	5.93	5.54 - 6.29	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	4	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIANS	40	40	-	7.54	7.89	5.50 - 8.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	10	1	-	-	-	-	9	-	12	-	-	-	4
MAINTENANCE MECHANICS (MACHINERY)	76	76	-	6.64	6.82	6.07 - 7.18	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	2	18	2	10	29	-	-	1	3	2	-	-	-
MAINTENANCE MECHANICS (MOTOR VEHICLES)	179	179	-	7.87	7.65	6.29 - 10.35	-	-	-	4	16	2	7	11	3	23	-	-	32	1	6	18	4	-	2	[3]56
TOOL AND DIE MAKERS	19	19	-	5.97	5.85	5.73 - 6.71	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	8	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATIONARY ENGINEERS	18	18	-	7.75	7.81	6.73 - 8.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	-	-
BOILER TENDERS	12	12	-	7.04	6.82	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRUCKDRIVERS[2 4]	411	408	3	7.76	8.35	6.43 - 8.35	-	16	16	2	10	15	5	12	7	33	-	3	-	18	288	-	-	-	72	10
LIGHT TRUCK	23	23	-	3.93	3.60	3.40 - 4.31	-	-	16	1	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEDIUM TRUCK	91	88	3	7.75	10.18	4.45 - 10.18	-	16	-	-	10	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	46	-
HEAVY TRUCK	13	13	-	5.61	5.76	- -	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	6	2	2	-	-	2	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS	22	22	-	6.50	6.00	5.15 - 7.93	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	4	2	-	-	2	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
SHIPPING PACKERS	245	41	204	3.86	3.60	3.15 - 4.47	20	66	46	24	50	6	30	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MATERIAL HANDLING LABORERS	368	348	20	6.79	7.53	5.20 - 7.85	-	43	9	10	13	6	18	16	6	22	4	20	102	42	-	-	-	-	57	-
FORKLIFT OPERATORS	70	70	-	5.64	5.10	4.63 - 6.53	-	-	2	9	3	12	18	1	3	6	-	-	-	14	2	-	-	-	-	-
GUARDS[2]	43	43	-	5.05	4.05	3.25 - 7.95	-	21	-	3	-	1	-	1	1	4	-	-	-	10	2	-	-	-	-	-
GUARDS, CLASS B	19	19	-	6.27	7.95	4.43 - 7.95	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
JANITORS, PORTERS, AND CLEANERS	357	259	35	4.14	3.60	3.21 - 4.75	59	52	87	21	29	39	18	3	17	12	2	-	6	12	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Incentive payments, such as those resulting from piecework, production bonuses, and commission systems, are included in the wages reported; nonproduction bonuses are excluded. Cost-of-living allowances are considered as part of the workers' regular pay. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—half of the workers receive the same or more and half receive the same or less than the rate shown. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; a fourth of the workers earn the same or less than the lower of these rates and a fourth earn the same or more than the higher rate.

[2] Includes workers other than those presented separately.

[3] Workers were at $10.20 to $10.60.

[4] Includes all drivers regardless of size and type of truck operated.

Table 2. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in South Dakota,[1] June 1979

Industry division[2]	Minimum employment in establishments in scope of study	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments		
		Within scope of study[3]	Studied	Within scope of study[4]		Studied
				Number	Percent	
ALL DIVISIONS	50	302	93	42,281	100	20,251
MANUFACTURING	50	98	32	17,721	42	9,419
NONMANUFACTURING[5]	50	204	61	24,560	58	10,832

[1] The "workers within scope of study" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis of comparison with other statistical series for the area to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[2] The 1972 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual was used in classifying establishments by industry division.

[3] Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets (within the area) of companies in such industries as trade, finance, auto repair service, and motion picture theaters are considered as one establishment.

[4] Includes all workers in all establishments with total employment (within the area) at or above the minimum limitation.

[5] Includes transportation, communication, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; laundries and other personal services; automobile repair; rental; and parking; motion pictures; nonprofit membership organizations (excluding religious and charitable organizations); engineering and architectural services; and miscellaneous business services. Major industries excluded from this survey are agriculture; mining; construction; some services (notably educational institutions and medical services); and government operations.

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Nashville–Davidson, Tenn.
New Bern–Jacksonville, N.C.
New Hampshire (statewide)
North Dakota (statewide)
Northern New York
Northwest Texas
Orlando, Fla.
Oxnard–Simi Valley–Ventura, Calif.
Peoria, Ill.
Phoenix, Ariz.
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Pueblo, Colo.
Puerto Rico
Raleigh–Durham, N.C.
Reno, Nev.
Riverside–San Bernardino–Ontario, Calif.
Salina, Kans.
Salinas–Seaside–Monterey, Calif.
Sandusky, Ohio
Santa Barbara–Santa Maria–Lompoc, Calif.
Savannah, Ga.
Selma, Ala.
Sherman–Denison, Tex.
Shreveport, La.
South Dakota (statewide)
Southeastern Massachusetts
Southern Idaho
Southwest Virginia
Spokane, Wash.
Springfield, Ill.
Stockton, Calif.
Tacoma, Wash.
Tampa–St. Petersburg, Fla.
Topeka, Kans.
Tucson–Douglas, Ariz.
Tulsa, Okla.
Upper Peninsula, Mich.
Vallejo–Fairfield–Napa, Calif.
Vermont (statewide)
Virgin Islands of the U.S.
Waco and Killeen–Temple, Tex.
Waterloo–Cedar Falls, Iowa
West Virginia (statewide)
Western and Northern Massachusetts
Wichita Falls–Lawton–Altus, Tex.–Okla.
Yakima–Richland–Kennewick–Pendleton, Wash.–Oreg.